

**COLUMBIA RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING MINUTES
EAST WENATCHEE, WA
06-09-2022**

Members Present – Cindy Carter, Kevin Overbay, Marc Straub, Terry Thompson, and Chris Branch

Members Participating by Zoom/Phone– Rob Coffman

Staff Present – Bruce Buckles, Erin Nelson, Ken Sterner, Josh Hamilton, Diane Tribble, Debbie Peterson and Nicole Buak

Guests – Christine Johnson: Union Employee Representative and Tom Cash: Union Representative

Meeting – Cindy Carter called the Columbia River Council of Governments (COG) meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

Public Comment – None

Minutes – Terry Thompson moved to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2022 meeting. Marc Straub seconded, and the motion carried.

Budget & Expenditures – Expenditures were reviewed for April 2022. Checks 70116-70170, DD19931 – DD20045, DRS7-2022, DRS8-2022, PRT5-2022, PRT3-2022, ESD 1-2022, WPFML 1-2022, and LNI 1-2022. Kevin Overbay made a motion to approve the expenditures for checks. Chris Branch seconded, and the motion carried.

Personnel Update – Bruce Buckles reviewed the personnel update.

Quarterly Reports – The Directors presented 1st quarter 2022 reports for their programs.

Executive Director's Report – Bruce Buckles handed out an article titled "Eastern State Hospital risks losing accreditation and funds". He touched base on how Eastern State and the VA may lose their accreditation and funding. Bruce Buckles also add that the RN staffing is a critical issue affecting our healthcare systems. Chris Branch extended an invite to help elders in the community by sharing what we are dealing with. Bruce Buckles then requested and Executive Session for 10-15 minutes.

Executive Session – Chris Branch made a motion to go into an Executive Closed Session to discuss legal contracts with State. Kevin Overbay seconded, and the motion carried. The session ended at 3:03 pm.

Terry Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:06 p.m. Kevin Overbay seconded, and the motion carried.

Next Meeting - The next meeting will be on July 14th, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.